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Hongkong, 14th May, 1900. (626)

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ON the 4th instant, at the PLACE A BROWN SPANIEL RETRIEVER DOG, with Collar Number 193. A few days later, he was seen at Kowloon 140th St.

A REWARD will be given to anyone returning the Dog or furnishing information as to his whereabouts.

Apply to J. K. Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, 14th May, 1900. (626)

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWAN.

THE Company's Steamship.

"THAIEN".

Captain Passenger will be dispatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAURIE & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 14th May, 1900. (626)

THE OSAKA SHOSUN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship.

"TAMU".

Captain H. Nagata, will be dispatched for the above ports, on SUNDAY, the 20th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUBISHI KAISHA, Agents, Hongkong, 14th May, 1900. (626)

"FRENCH MAIDS" will be in Hongkong but one will be on crew at the THEATRE ROYAL, TO-NIGHT and TO-MORROW.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE C. P. R. Co's Steamship.

"EMPEROR OF JAPAN".

Having arrived from VANCOUVER, B.C., Consignees of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 10th inst., at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

D. W. CRAIDDOCK, Acting General Agent, Hongkong, 14th May, 1900. (626)

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "MONMOUTHSHIRE" FROM PORTLAND, ORE., YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents, Hongkong, 14th May, 1900. (626)

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES AND UNDERWRITERS.

Cargo shipped by s.s. "Victoria", in Tacoma for Hongkong and the South has been transhipped at Kobe and forwarded to Hongkong by s.s. "Monmouthshire", which steamer arrived here at 2 P.M., TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents, Hongkong, 14th May, 1900. (626)

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 14, 1900.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A Public Nuisance.

On Saturday last we sorrowfully reported Mr. O'SHEA, Director of Public Works and President of the Sanitary Board upon a question of the nuisance of death rates. To-day it is another of the Members of the Sanitary Board that we have to take to task, and this time to a person than Mr. O'SHEA, the senior official member. In the first place we would like to remind Mr. O'SHEA, that besides being a member of the Sanitary Board, he is the ruling spirit of the Godown Company. The next juggle that we have to give to his memory is that an old proverb, "People who live in glass houses should not throw stones." We would also refresh the memory of the gentleman in question with the fact that at the last meeting of the Sanitary Board he said that he only feared that after a great deal of time and trouble had been expended, the time of their labours would only be wasted. Doubtless Mr. O'SHEA was right in his opinion, but we do not think that he should have been the one to have made such a statement. On the other hand it is not Mr. O'SHEA's hands are not clean. He has permitted matters himself in a manner that would have brought down the wrath of the public upon any unfortunate official who had done likewise. We would remind Mr. O'SHEA that months ago the question of the nuisance of a couple of latrines situated upon the premises of the Godown Company were the subject of complaint to the Sanitary Board. Mr. O'SHEA then said that the nuisance would shortly be abated by the removal of these latrines, but from that day to this nothing whatever has been done in this direction. On the other hand the nuisance has been allowed to increase.

One of these latrines is situated at the corner of the Godown premises abutting on Chater Road, Kowloon. The Godown Company has lately erected a new block of godowns on this particular portion of their premises, and in consequence the latrine in question has been partly demolished. It has not been closed, however, but has had a greater strain than ever put upon it by the fact that a large number of coolies have been employed upon reclamation work in the vicinity for the last few months and have, as the latrine is quite open to the road, made free use of it. The place being half pulled down and totally inadequate to the needs of the coolies frequenting it, the result has been that it has become a more intolerable nuisance than before. The ground outside it is always saturated with the liquid which leaks out, and the place poisons the whole of the surrounding atmosphere. Why then should Mr. O'SHEA pose as an authority upon sanitary reform when a place under his direct supervision and which he could transform into an object lesson for his conferees upon the Board is one of the, if not the, most disgraceful nuisances in the Colony. We invite the other members of the Sanitary Board to come and view the spot if they think that we have exaggerated matters, and if the Godown folk have not taken time by the forelock and done away with the nuisance upon reading our remarks, we shall be pleased to conduct them to the place and prove that we are right in what we say. If our words should induce Mr. O'SHEA to have the place pulled down and utterly removed, then we shall have accomplished our object and will be happy to support him in his next attack upon filth. In the mean time he should not throw stones.

The Wei-hai-wei Trouble.

The telegram, which we publish from our Tientsin Correspondent, though a trifle late, throws some additional light upon the situation at Wei-hai-wei, inasmuch as it informs us that men are being landed from the Fleet and that the British Minister is making strong representations to the Tientsin Yamen. We trust that this time British representations will result in strong action and that we shall not witness another such scene as the retrocession of Sam Chun with its accompanying loss of prestige.

Mr. BROWNE's announcement that the demarcation of the boundary was to be proceeded with even without Chinese co-operation savours somewhat of a little more stiffness being infused into British methods of dealing with China, and we trust that our surmise will prove correct. A recent issue of the North China Daily News states that the Wei-hai-wei natives accuse the Chinese Commissioners of having sold their country without any reference to them, and leading between the lines it is easy to see that Peking has made no attempt whatever to explain matters to the natives, most probably with the direct object of thus ensuring a certain amount of trouble to the British and, at all costs, saving face by giving the demarcation of the boundary the appearance of a forcible seizure of territory.

TELEGRAMS.

Special to the Hongkong Telegraph.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

THE WEI-HAI-WEI TROUBLE.

THE BRITISH MINISTER MOVES.

FLEET OFF WEI-HAI-WEI.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TIENTSIN, May 11th, p.m.

The British Boundary Commission at Wei-hai-wei has been attacked and the Chinese Government's special Commissioner captured by the mob. The British Fleet is assembled off Wei-hai-wei and men are being landed. Strong representations are being made by the British Minister to the Tientsin Yamen.

Received at 6 p.m. 13th.

Published at 1 p.m. 14th.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

GENERAL BULLER'S FORCE IN NATAL.

LONDON, May 11th.

Great activity among General Buller's forces is reported but correspondents are not allowed to divulge the movements.

THE ADVANCE IN THE FREE STATE.

Lord Roberts reports from Reif Spruit, 10th inst. evening, that he had a successful day and had driven the enemy from point to point. The force is now eight miles from the river and the cavalry and mounted infantry at Ventersburg Station.

LATER.

NEW MILITARY HOSPITAL FOR HONGKONG.

Mr. Wynham (Parliamentary Sec. War Office) stated in the House of Commons that plans for the new hospital at Hongkong were leaving this month and that every effort would be made to erect the building as early as possible.

THE TROUBLE AT WEI-HAI-WEI.

Mr. Broderick (Parliamentary Sec. Foreign Office) stated in the House of Commons that Col. Ooravard (Dorwood?) had been instructed to continue the demarcation of the frontier at Wei-hai-wei even without Chinese co-operation.

LATER.

THE WAR.

THE MAKEKING RELIEF FORCE.

LONDON, May 12th.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Cape Town says that the Makeking relief force has passed through Vryburg.

THE WESTERN FRONTIER.

Reuter's correspondent at Kimberley wires that British patrols at Fourteen Streams have entered the Transvaal.

THE ADVANCE IN THE FREE STATE.

Reuter's correspondent at Geneva Siding wires that the British forces arrived there on the morning of the 11th inst., and are now fourteen miles from Kromstadt.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON THE CONDITIONS OF PEACE.

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at Birmingham, said in the general conditions of a settlement Great Britain was not prepared to again recognise the independence of the Republics whose territories must be incorporated with Her Majesty's dominions under the British flag, but individual liberties would be preserved.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—

On the 13th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has risen quickly on the E. coast of China, fallen over Japan. The depression is moving Eastwards in Central Japan, and high pressure covers Central China. Gradients moderate with strong N.E. winds on the China coast. FORECAST: N.E. winds, freshening; unsettled; showery.

On the 14th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has risen generally. An area of high pressure extends over the China coast, with its centre lying between the E. coast and the Loochoos. Pressure is low in the S. part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients rather steep with strong N.E. winds in the Formosa Channel and along the S. coast of China. FORECAST: Strong to fresh N.E. wind; unsettled, rainy.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. Waterwitch left for the north yesterday afternoon at five o'clock.

The Shell monopoly case was down for hearing this morning at the Supreme Court but owing to the indisposition of the Chief Justice had to be further postponed.

THE "TERRIBLE" FETE.

Owing to the unsettled state of the weather the fete to be given to Captain Percy Scott, C.B., and the Officers of H.M.S. *Terrible*, on the evening of the Cricket Ground has been indefinitely postponed. Due notice will be given when a new date has been fixed.

ROYAL MILITARY HOSPITAL.

As will be seen by a telegram published in another column the plans for a military hospital for Hongkong have been approved. This is the successful termination of a correspondence that has been dragging its weary length through the departments concerned, for the last 12 to 14 years. There is no doubt that the accommodation in our military hospitals at the present time is not only very inadequate but is so scattered that the time of the doctors is most unnecessarily wasted in conveying from one hospital to another. The approved scheme, however, will be a very central position (Holloway Road), does away with the scattered branches, and brings the separate departments under one roof and therefore reduces the amount of labour for supervision etc. At present there are two blocks of buildings in Wellington Barracks used as hospitals and a hut, the *Manoeuvres*, principally used for contagious diseases, but the present scheme will do away with these, the whole hospital staff being under one roof. The plans that have already been approved show that the welfare of Dr. Atkins, Esq., has been considered in every detail and that the efficiency of the hospital staff will be greatly enhanced. Some exception may be taken to having the hospital at a higher level than that at which the barracks are situated, but we are informed from a most reliable source that it is intended to gradually move the whole of the garrison to a higher level, as it is found that the health of the troops at Mount Austin is far superior to that of those on the lower levels. Of course this will take time to perform but in the interim special arrangements will be made to accommodate the different barracks to provide for men being taken suddenly sick and for serious cases. Before the work can be commenced the final approval of minor details will have to be obtained but this is expected by the next mail or so and it is hoped that the work will not be delayed more than the time the actual building operations necessarily involve. It is a reform that is wanted and therefore the sooner the better, say we.

THEATRE ROYAL.

THE BABES IN THE WOOD.

The pantomime on Saturday night fulfilled all expectations. A London pantomime in Hongkong is not an every day occurrence, and Mr. Dallas and his talented Company must indeed have worked hard to secure the happy result with which their efforts were rewarded on Saturday. The house was full, and the frequent applause and demands for encores testified to the appreciation with which the audience heard the various songs.

Miss Marie Allevy as the Spirit of Youth appeared in the first scene, and looked the part to perfection.

Later on she charmed everyone with her delightful rendering of "The Willow Pattern Plate" her enunciation being as usual, excellent and in response to the general appeal, she repeated the last verse. We should have liked to hear more of Miss Allevy singing during the evening, but her part did not admit of any. The absence of Mrs. Dallas from the cast was noted and regretted.

The overture composed of popular airs was well rendered by the Orchestra, and the curtain rose soon after 8 p.m. disclosing the Nursery at Christmas, time the Babes sleeping peacefully, and the Spirits of Judgment and of Castigation were early upon the scene.

Miss Florence Peel sang and danced so well that it was not in the nature of things for the audience to take her advice and "look the other way." On the contrary they wished to look in the same direction again and Miss Florence Peel kindly granted the general wish.

The Wood Scene in Part II. evoked loud expressions of admiration—and in this Sylvan glade Miss Florence Peel gave us some more of her sprightly dancing and pleased every body. She was also heard to advantage in the duet "When we are married" with Prince Paragon—well played by Miss Hattie Peel, who met with success in her Song "Violent Violet" and "On her Father's Farm" repeating in each case, the last verse, in response to the loud encores accorded to her.

Messrs Dallas and Hermann, as The Babes, were immense and kept the audience in a continual bubble of merriment by their drolleries and amusing get up. Their aversion to soap and water was well received as also was the little bye play of telephoning for a glass of water, which, however, was unobtainable, it being after 8 p.m.

We would remind our readers that "The French Maid" is staged tonight.

- AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Amoy, 10th May, 1900.

There is little at present to interest us in Amoy as our tea season has not yet commenced, and the largest export item is codlins for the Straits and Manila; however from a political point of view the condition of the port is interesting to those who study the signs and portents of the times, and such may find cause for serious speculation or the actions and projects of the recently enfranchised Jap. He is very much in evidence here and is increasing in numbers and growing visibly in importance. The recent visit of Dr. Gibb, the chief of staff of Baron Kodama, Governor General of Formosa, gave a fillip to Japanese merchants and officials; apart from the moral encouragement from the reflected smile of the Mikado, their colony benefitted substantially by the purchase of the residence of F. Leyburn, Esq., which is to become a club for our Oriental cousins. The continuous presence of at least one naval vessel frequently reinforced by smaller ones lends to our port the appearance of being under Japanese protection. With the improvement projected at their concession we may look shortly to Japan being the preponderant power here, and indeed their officials are not backward in admitting that to Japan the Fokien province must look for tuition in commercial and educational matters; Japan standing also as champion of Fokien's liberty (2) under Japanese tutelage of course against all Occidental hand-trudlers. Quite a large order for the Island Empire has been placed for the natives to live in the foreign residents. After a few months residence in Japan since the treaty revision, may I be preserved from ever seeing Japanese laws applied in our port.

"Doctor, do you think tight lacing is bad for consumption?" "Not at all—it is what it lives on." The doctor's reply was wise as well as witty.

ST. PATRICK'S CLUB.

H.M.S. "ORLANDO'S" MINSTREL TROUPE.

What is required in the Colony for the social advantage of the soldier or sailor is some place offering sufficient attraction to Tommy or Jack to keep him away from the drinking dens, now, alas, too numerous. H. B. the Acting Governor must have recognized this and made it his motive when he lent his countenance and gave financial aid to the formation of the "Soldiers Club," at present in its infancy. For some time past there has been an institution under the name of St. Patrick's Club, situated above the Tramway Station, which has with gradual effort, been making its name known amongst that class for which it was intended, namely the soldiers and sailors of the Roman Catholic denomination.

We understand that the initial outlay, which was considerable, was partly if not wholly borne by His Reverence the Bishop. The Executive Committee, however, in recognizing this as a debt of honour, and having from time to time striven to wipe out the debt. They were aided to considerable extent on Saturday night, when the Minstrel Troupe of H.M.S. *Orlando* gave an entertainment, the proceeds of which went to the funds of the Institution.

Captain Burke, H.M.S. *Orlando*, Lieut. Perfect and several other Officers honoured the Company with their presence and a most enjoyable evening was spent, there being a large attendance of both services, not a few civilians also being there.

The first part of the Programme was carried out by the *Orlando's* Minstrel Troupe in true nigger style. Bones and Tambourines were well up in suitable roundabouts which were ably expounded with the help of Mass Johnson. It was amusingly refreshing to learn that the English race is the meanest and stingiest in the world because it has had a sovereign for 63 years without changing it, and that Kruger always likes to walk on the pavement because he does not like Rhodes.

The second part was well sustained as a variety entertainment, special items being Signor Antonio's Violin Obligato, A.B. Chapman's singing of the "Lads in Navy Blue" and Mr. Black's rendering of the "Village Blacksmith."

To summarize, the performance was a complete success throughout, and we understand that the Committee were well satisfied with the financial result.

Undoubtedly the Club is well deserving of all the patronage the catholic portion of the community can bestow upon it.

We append the programme—

Part I.	Hand.
Overture.	Chorus.
I—Opening Chorus.	Chorus.
II—Song.	Chorus.
III—Song.	Chorus.
IV—Song.	Chorus.
V—Song.	Chorus.
VI—Song.	Chorus.
VII—Song.	Chorus.
VIII—Song.	Chorus.
IX—Song.	Chorus.
X—Song.	Chorus.
XI—Song.	Chorus.
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XXVI—Song.	Chorus.
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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of May, 1900, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1900.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1900. [577b]

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of May, 1900, at 10.15 in the afternoon, when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS will be proposed.

- 1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000 by the creation of 150,000 New Shares of \$10 each.
- 2.—That the New Shares be issued at such time and at such premium as the Directors may determine.
- 3.—That the New Shares be allotted to such persons and upon such terms and conditions as the Directors may determine.

By Order, EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1900. [578b]

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Should the said Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

That the Regulations contained in Table A in so far as they apply to this Company be altered as follows:

That the following clause be substituted for Clause 37 of Table A:— "The quorum for all the purposes of a General Meeting shall be not less than five members present in person or by proxy. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless the quorum requisite be present at the commencement of the business."

By Order, EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1900. [579b]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHARES in this Company on which a CALL of \$1 was made PAYABLE on the 3rd day of March, 1900, and which Call has not yet been paid, are liable to be forfeited, in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.

Interest at the rate of ten per cent. per share will be charged on all Overdue Calls.

W. H. GASKELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [560b]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March, 1900, the following RESOLUTIONS were passed:

- 1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 27th March instant, and since duly registered, the Sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a Sum of \$5 as paid up thereon in addition to the Sum of \$50 now standing to the credit of each Share of the Company.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the rate of \$12 per cent. per Annum, upon all Calls remaining Unpaid after the 9th day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [403b]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS of Twenty per cent. upon Contributions for the year 1899 has been declared.

Warrants will be issued on the 1st May.

By Order of the Board, W. J. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1900. [513b]

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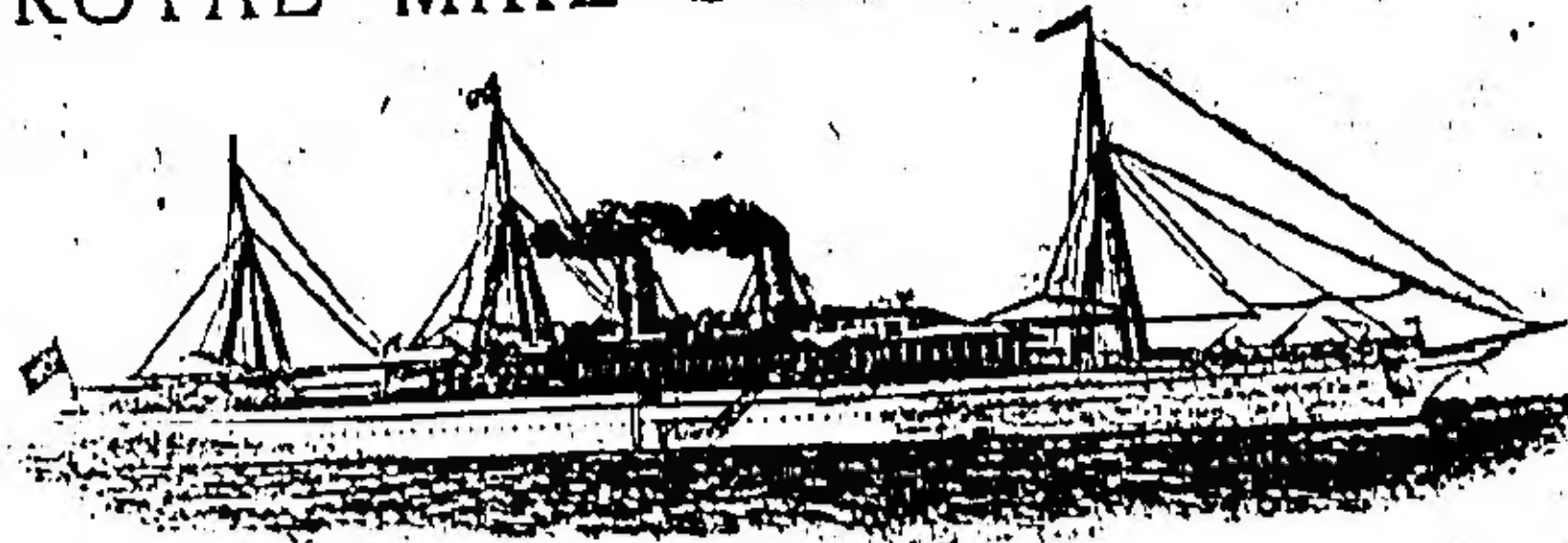
PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9.00 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1900. [600b]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 16th May.

EMPEROR OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 16th June.

EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 27th June.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Book, Rate, of the Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, 11, Robinson Street.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1900.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

MAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA.

IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Duke of Fife...[3821] J.S. Con... May 15

Change...[3750] W. Fikes... July 3

Queen Adelaide...[2832] F. McNair... July 25

Also

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.

IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Monmouthshire...[2874] W.A. Evans... May 19

Breconshire...[3600] W. Watt... June 9

Monmouthshire...[2874] W.A. Evans... Aug. 4

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line, HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. Doctor and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY AND CASCADE MOUNTAINS. THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.

Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1900.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Strathgyle...[5023] Sunday May 20

Belgian King...[3379] about June 20

Thyra...[3812] about July 20

THE Steamship

"STRATHGYLE,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO and SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SUNDAY, the 20th instant.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [58b]

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

SANUKI MARU...MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. FRIDAY, 18th May, at Daylight.

HIROSHIMA MARU...MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. TUESDAY, 22nd May, at Daylight.

MIKAWA MARU...SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI. TUESDAY, 22nd May, at 4 P.M.

MIKE MARU...BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO. FRIDAY, 25th May, at Noon.

KASUGA MARU...SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE. FRIDAY, 25th May, at 4 P.M.

FUTABA MARU...NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. SATURDAY, 26th May, at Noon.

HAZAKI MARU...MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. FRIDAY, 1st June, at Daylight.

For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

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A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

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Notice of Firm.

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE CO.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed AGENTS for the above COMPANY, are prepared to accept Risks against FIRE at CURRENT RATES.

HOTZ, SJACOB & CO. Hongkong, 31st March, 1900. [422b]

TO-MORROW NIGHT, Last Night of the DALLAS CO in "THE FRENCH MAID."

For Sale.

FOR SALE AT TIENTSIN.

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LARGE BUSINESS PREMISES on the TAKU ROAD within easy reach of the bund. The Premises consist of a Six-roomed Bungalow, Three Large Godowns, one with double storey and flat roof suitable for drying purposes; Compradore's Quarters and Offices; one Brick House, several Out-buildings and all necessary adjuncts to business. One Godown contains a Hydraulic Press, Engine, &c. For particulars apply

